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MR. JOEL E. BRUNSON DEAD.

BODY FOUND ON SIDE OF RAILROAD TRACK QUARTER OF MILE BEYOND NEW SUMTER.

Jury Returns Verdict That Death Was Due to Apoplexy—Was a Prominent Citizen of Sumter County—Candidate for Governor on Prohibition Ticket in 1906.

The whole of Sumter was shocked and saddened Saturday morning when it became generally known that the dead body of Mr. Joel E. Brunson had been found along side the railroad track a quarter of a mile beyond New Sumter. Mr. Brunson was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of this county. He was at one time a candidate for governor of the State on the prohibition ticket.

Mr. Brunson went out to his place between Sumter and Mayesville that morning and it was probably while returning from there to take the 11 o'clock train at New Sumter that he was attacked by apoplexy and dropped dead. It seems that he had been feeling badly for a number of days and members of his family tried to dissuade him from going to his work, but he persisted, saying that he had not been there in several days and his work needed his attention. He left on the morning train, getting off at New Sumter to walk from there to the place where the work was going on and intending to come back in time to take the 11 o'clock train home. He was accompanied by his wife as far as New Sumter, who went on to Mayesville to spend the day with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mills at that place.

The body was discovered about 10 o'clock by a negro, Ben Franklin, who was returning from Sumter to his home on Dr. Baker's place. It was lying by the side of the railroad tracks, with the side of the face downwards and partly covered by his hat. Franklin was riding on his wheel and got off to investigate. He did not find the body to be breathing, so ran back some distance to Mr. N. A. Spann's, where he summoned Mr. Spann's son to go with him for further investigation. Arriving at the body it was found to be that of Mr. Brunson. The train was flagged and the body put on at this place and brought on to Sumter where it was taken to Mr. Geo. H. Hurst's undertaking shop, for the inquest to be held.

Dr. J. A. Mood testified that an examination of the body revealed no signs of violence and that he thought that death was due to natural causes, probably apoplexy. Ben Franklin was the only other witness. He testified to the facts as stated above concerning the finding of the body. He saw no signs on the ground to indicate any struggle. The jury at once returned a verdict that death was due to natural causes, probably apoplexy.

Mr. Brunson was a native of Sumter county and has been a prominent citizen for many years. He was 66 years of age and leaves a wife and six children. His children are: Miss Margaret Brunson, of this city, Mrs. J. H. Mills, of Mayesville, Miss Winnie Brunson of Kingstree; Mr. J. Edwin Brunson of Columbia; Miss Louise Brunson and Mr. Joel E. Brunson, Jr., of this city. He was married twice, his first wife being Miss Chandler of this county, who left no children living. His second wife, Miss Martha Mayes, a daughter of Dr. J. A. Mayes of Mayesville.

Mr. Brunson served throughout the war in the reserves, being too young at the time to go into active service. He first started in work as a printer in the old Sumter Watchman office, later in life leaving this work to take up the lumber business. He was engaged in the lumber business and farming up to the time of his death.

He became generally known throughout the State in his fight for prohibition, for which he had always been an ardent advocate. He ran for governor twice on the prohibition platform, the second time in 1906. He was for a number of years the editor of the prohibition organ of this State, The Broad Axe, and with this waged a continual war against the liquor traffic.

Mr. Brunson was highly esteemed in Sumter, where he was best known, as a man and citizen. He was a member of the Washington Street Baptist church and a faithful church worker. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the cemetery at 4 o'clock.

Real Estate Transfer.

A. D. Harby to Davis D. Mole, one-half interest in tract of 800 acres in county, no consideration named.

WM. ROCKEFELLER QUITE ILL.

NEAR COLLAPSE BRINGS EXAMINATION TO CLOSE.

Only Four Questions Asked Oil Magnate by Counsel for "Money Trust" Probers — Physician Intervenes When Severe Coughing Spell Attacks Witness, Who is Unable to Reply Above a Whisper.

Jekyl Island, Ga. Feb. 7.—A spasm of the throat that left William Rockefeller a straining, trembling old man on the verge of nervous collapse, abruptly terminated his examination by Chairman Pujo and Counsel Samuel Untermyer, of the House "Money Trust" committee, here today.

Mr. Rockefeller was asked just four questions all practically immaterial, before the attack forced the conclusion of the hearing. The aged Standard Oil magnate was closeted with the committee for just twelve minutes. At the end of that time he was assisted to his couch by Dr. Walter F. Chappell, his physician, who declared his patient exhausted.

In a plainly, but elegantly furnished room in William Rockefeller's apartments, on the isolated island that forms the estate of the exclusive Millionaires' Club, of Jekyl Island, the 72-year-old Standard Oil magnate submitted to the questions of the Money Trust inquisitors. There was ended the six months search of the Government the process servers, who hounded the reluctant witness from New York to the Bahamas and who laid siege to his New York city house.

The net result of the examination so far as the Money Trust investigation was concerned added practically nothing of value to the record. It did demonstrate to the satisfaction of Mr. Untermyer and Mr. Pujo that Mr. Rockefeller was hardly a fit subject physically for a gruelling cross-examination on the details of his financial career. Members of the Jekyl Island Club and Dr. Walter F. Chappell tonight shook their heads doubtfully when asked about Mr. Rockefeller's physical condition.

"Mr. Rockefeller is in a very serious state," said Dr. Chappell. He said that a new growth of a malignant nature had recently formed in Mr. Rockefeller's throat and that serious developments were to be expected at any time.

BRINGS TUBERCULOSIS SERUM.

Pittsburg Physician Hopes to Save His Wife's Life.

New York, Feb. 6.—Hurrying homeward from abroad with tuberculosis serum in his possession that he says is the first of the widely-discussed Friedmann culture to be brought to this country, Dr. Austin B. Heid, a physician of Pittsburg, arrived on the steamship Pottsdam from Europe today and at once took a train for his home, where his wife, a consumptive, awaits the arrival of what Dr. Heid hopes will be a cure for her. Dr. Heid has enough bacilli, only for one patient, he declared. That patient will be his wife.

Dr. Heid was met at quarantine by Dr. Milton H. Foster, of the Ellis Island health service, and questioned before the United States Government about the Friedmann cure. Dr. Heid told Dr. Foster he had been convinced of the efficiency of the cure.

Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedmann, the German scientist, who discovered the serum, last month was offered \$1,000,000 by Charles E. Finlay, a banker of this city, if he would cure 95 out of 100 patients to be placed under his care.

Government Report Soon.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Sufferers from pulmonary tuberculosis who have looked with hope toward this Government's inquiry into the recently-reported cure found by Dr. Friedrich Friedmann, of Berlin, soon will be able to read an official report on it, now being turned out by the Government printing office.

The State department does not endorse the cure, but merely presents information on it in accordance with a resolution the Senate adopted. The officials and members of Congress have received thousands of appeals for copies, which soon will be ready for distribution.

There is a report being circulated to the effect that officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company are contemplating the laying of concrete walks throughout the passenger station yard in this city. Whether this rumor is correct or not cannot be ascertained here, but it is to be hoped that it is founded on fact.

MEDICAL COLLEGE BILL PASSED

NO VOICE AGAINST FAVORABLE ACTION BY HOUSE.

Called by Mr. Whaley, as Special Order Last Night, Measure Making Medical College in Charleston State Institution Has Easy Sailing — Bill Appropriates \$20,000 for Reorganization and Conduct of Work at College During Current Year.

Columbia, Feb. 7.—The Medical College of the State of South Carolina bill went over the plate tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Whaley called the special order, and Speaker Smith asked: "Shall this bill be ordered to its third reading?" Not a word was raised against. The same question was asked; again silence. Then the Speaker put the question and in thirty seconds the bill received its second reading without a word of protest. Mr. Whaley immediately moved to apply the parliamentary clincher, and without objection this was done. It was a second legislative miracle.

The bill transfers the Medical College property in Charleston to the State in trust, to control and operate a Medical College of high standard.

The management and control of the College is turned over to a board, consisting of the Governor, the superintendent of education and the chairman of two committees, and eight members, to be elected by the Legislature.

Seven beneficiary students are provided for.

To reorganize the College and carry on the work for the current year, \$20,000 is appropriated.

The Medical College is to be strictly an independent State educational institution, a part of the State's educational system.

MORE BLOODSHED IN EAST.

FIGHTING BETWEEN TURKS AND BALKAN ALLIES CONTINUES.

Bulgaria and Roumania to Resume Negotiations in Regard to Frontier Question.

London, Feb. 7.—Fighting continues between the Turks and allies in southern Europe, but, in the absence of independent reports, conflicting accounts for official sources provide no basis for critical judgment of what is happening. The most interesting news of the day received here told of the flight of a Greek hydro-aeroplane over the Dardanelles.

Rumors continue to circulate here of the approaching renewal of peace negotiations. Nothing definite is known in this respect, but Bulgaria and Roumania are about to resume at Sofia their negotiations on the frontier question which recently were interrupted in London.

It is understood the last meeting of the ambassadorial conference discussed the Albanian question and the conferees argued for and against the sending of an international commission to delimit the frontiers of the new Albanian State.

BULGARIANS STILL AT IT.

More Fighting in Region of Gallipoli, With Further Operations Along Tchatalja Lines.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—There was more fighting today in the region of Gallipoli and an aeroplane made a flight over the Dardanelles and dropped three bombs. These were aimed at the Turkish warships. Two of them fell into the water and the third exploded on the shore, doing no damage.

An official dispatch issued tonight says: "The enemy continues his movements along the Tchatalja lines. Several encounters have occurred during these operations, all of them ending in the retirement of the enemy. The engagement near Palala developed into a somewhat severe battle. The warship Idjades bombarded the enemy from Blyuk Chekmodyo, on the Sea of Marmora."

"The enemy who has occupied and is fortifying and entrenching the heights south of Namillo in the vicinity of Gallipoli has been subjected to an artillery fire by the Turkish army and fleet."

The City Manager is having cinders put down on a number of the streets which were in a terrible mess last week and the first part of this week during the wet weather. Several of the streets where cinders were put down some time ago were very much improved thereby and it is hoped that present work will be conducive of similar improvements where it is being done.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH.

SIX-YEAR-OLD SON OF REV. W. H. WORKMAN FELL INTO BARREL BOILING WATER.

Was Watching Men Preparing Hogs for Slaughter, When Accident Occurred—Died During Night After Terrible Suffering.

Mayesville, Feb. 8.—A most deplorable accident happened at the home of Rev. W. H. Workman near here yesterday afternoon. Willie Hays, the little six year old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Workman was in the yard watching the older folks preparing some hogs for scalding when he fell into a barrel of boiling hot water. The little fellow was terribly scalded and although medical assistance was immediately summoned and everything done for the unfortunate child, he died last night about 10 o'clock. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow.

Rev. W. H. Workman is the pastor of Salem (Black River) Presbyterian church about six miles from this town. In the family's bereavement, they have the deepest sympathy of their many friends and acquaintances.

REFUSE TO REDUCE INTEREST.

House Kills Mr. Stanley's Bill to Lower Rate to Six Per Cent in This State.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The bill to lower the legal rate of interest in South Carolina, introduced by Mr. Stanley of Horry and unfavorably reported by the judiciary committee, was killed by the house after considerable debate. The enacting words of the bill were stricken out by a vote of 77 to 30.

DECLARE CHARGES UNFOUNDED

DISPENSARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

Committee Says It Was Misled by Thomas B. Felder of Atlanta. Exonerated All Concerned.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The report of the special committee to investigate the charges made by the governor in 1911 against the Ansel winding-up commission, J. Fraser Lyon, former attorney general, and others was received in the senate yesterday morning, read in the house last night and ordered printed in the journals.

They do not sustain a single charge made by the governor in his special message sent to the general assembly in 1911.

The majority report is signed by Senators Carlisle, Sullivan and Clifton and Representatives J. J. Evans and W. L. Daniel, while a minority report signed by Representative Cary agrees in the findings of the majority with the exception of the testimony taken in Augusta and afterward in Columbia which Mr. Cary does not think is relevant.

The report, with the exception that B. F. Arthur when a member of the Ansel commission overcharged the State, says, of the charges made by Gov. Blease, that they are "wholly unsupported by the testimony and therefore without foundation in fact." Attorney General Lyon and the members of the Ansel commission, Dr. W. J. Murray, chairman; J. S. Brice, Avery Patton, John McSweeney, A. N. Wood, are exonerated of all charges made against them.

"Your committee also had a meeting in Charleston and as a result of that testimony and other testimony along the same line taken in Columbia we are convinced that a regular system of graft exists and has existed for years in that city in connection with the work of the dispensary constables," says the majority committee's report.

The committee thinks that Thos. B. Felder of Atlanta misled them in his statements about what his testimony would show when the committee went to Augusta, Ga., last summer to take his testimony. They, however, went to Augusta as they thought something would be gotten from Felder and as he would not come to the State because he feared arrest and possible assassination. But his testimony established nothing in the report of the committee.

The majority of the report is a repetition of the charges made by the governor and the refuting of them section by section from the testimony adduced, all of which is made a part of the report.

LOCAL BILLS BEFORE HOUSE.

SUMTER COUNTY DELEGATION OPPOSES SHOE BILL.

Bills Authorizing Sale of Opera House Lot, and for Rural Policemen Pass House—Mr. Belser Granted Leave of Absence — Mr. Epps Defends State Medical College Bill.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The Sumter delegation's bill to authorize the county board of commissioners to sell and convey to the city of Sumter the opera house lot and land and the adjoining alley passed third reading in the House last Saturday and went to the Senate. The delegation's bill to provide for a fourth rural policeman in Sumter county has also gone to the Senate.

Another delegation bill on the endor of the House is that to the board of public works of the city and devolve the duties of the board on the city council.

Mr. R. B. Belser, a popular and energetic member of the Sumter House delegation, was granted leave of absence by the House last week for a day or two on account of the illness of one of his children.

Mr. R. D. Epps, a new member from Sumter, advocated the passage of the bill to establish a State medical college in Charleston and accept the conveyance to the State of the property of the Medical college of the State of South Carolina. Mr. Epps took the floor last Saturday and ably defended the measure when an effort was made to kill it on third reading.

Mrs. George W. Dick of Sumter is now in Columbia. She and Dr. Dick are guests at the Jerome Hotel.

The joint resolution introduced in the House to allow the City of Sumter to assess the owners of abutting property for permanent improvements has been favorably reported by the judiciary committee and will be passed at an early date.

A bill which might have had a bad effect on the business of one of Sumter's infant industries, the shoe factory, was that requiring all shoes which contained any substitute for leather to be stamped to proclaim this was killed by the House last week. The entire Sumter delegation opposed it.

ATHLETIC AND ORATORICAL MEET.

Inter-High School Association of South Carolina to Have Contests at Columbia, April 24 and 25.

Greenville, Feb. 7.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-high school athletic and oratorical association held in Columbia recently the 24th of April was decided upon as the time for holding the oratorical contest and Friday, April 25 as the date for the track meet. Reports come from several sections of the State about the interest that is being taken in the contests. The following schools are charter members: Summerville, Yorkville, Hickory Grove, Easley, Furman Fitting School, Westminster, Dillon, Latta, Florence, Cross Anchor, Rock Hill. Last Saturday the Central school of Greenville, was admitted and also the Anderson Fitting School. It is probable that Hastoe, Wofford Fitting School, Greenwood, Fair Forest, Porter's, the Columbia school and others will come in soon.

The constitution provides that no school can send more than 5 men and that only two can enter each event, and no man can be more than 20 years of age. This puts the small school and the large school more nearly on equal footing and no school should feel that it is too weak to enter a team and send a speaker. No school can be admitted to the association later than March 24. Applications should be sent to R. C. Burts, Greenville, S. C.

An effort is being made to get several public spirited citizens of the State to offer medals. Already through the efforts of Prof. G. H. Webber of Summerville, James Allen & Co., and F. G. Aldret of Charleston medals will be provided for each event and a trophy cup for the winning school.

UP TO SENATE.

Charleston Medical College to Be Taken over by State.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The House sent to the Senate this morning the bill to accept the transfer of the Medical College in Charleston to the State and to appropriate \$20,000 to establish a State medical college. There was an extended debate on the measure.

HOUSE FOR WATER POWER TAX

PASSES BILL OF MR. REMBERT TO THIRD READING.

Measure Generally Discussed and Materially Changed Before Receiving Favorable Action — Mr. Courtney's Fertilizer Measure Passed by House, Also Stevenson Bill Changing Method of Selecting State Bank Examiner, Whom Governor Now Appoints.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—The House is doing some work. Today was devoted to a careful study of several important matters, and whether the law or whether they are on the lines for the future of the State, they at least received the consideration of the members of the House.

First in importance, and an innovation both for this State and among the States of the Union, is the passage by the House of the Rembert bill, which seeks to impose a franchise tax of 20 cents for horse power on all electric water power developed from the streams of this State. The statement was made that such a bill would not be constitutional, but the House today, as on previous occasions, took the position that the Courts might well wrestle with the validity of the proposed tax.

The bill was materially amended before it passed the House; first that it should only apply where the company sells its power; that the charge shall be uniform, whether the power is sold inside or outside the State, and that the matter shall be handled by the commissioner of commerce, for the present at least.

It was stated that the expected revenue from this proposed tax on the water power of the State would raise about \$60,000.

There was a spirited fight on the bill and at one time it looked as if it would fail on the House side, but when Mr. Moore said that he would favor the bill with certain amendments, the opposition largely crumbled, and the bill was ordered to its third reading by a most decisive vote.

Mr. Rembert in the course of his discussion stated that if this bill should pass, this would be the first State to impose such a tax on the use of the natural resources of the State.

Very often when a bill starts out it is well meaning and is intended to accomplish certain purposes. Such was the intention of the bill of Mr. Courtney relative to commercial fertilizers. Mr. Courtney accepted an amendment to the bill that had been proposed by the committee, but before the bill passed an amendment was adopted requiring the stamping or printing of the source of the filler used and the source of the ammonia. The bill is one of that sort that is understood by the user and the mixer of fertilizers and hardly so by the layman.

The House, with but little discussion, adopted the Stevenson bill, which seeks to essentially change the manner of selecting the State bank examiner and changing the law as to the responsibility of that officer. Under the present law the bank examiner is appointed by the Governor at the suggestion of the executive committee of the State Bankers' Association. Under the proposed law the examiner is to be selected and to be responsible to a special board to consist of three of the State officers of the State, one of whom shall be the Governor, and the others the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General. The purpose of the bill is to have the State bank examiner directly responsible to some one.

A bill of more than general importance is that of Mr. McCreavey to encourage the conservation of the forests and trees in this State. The bill was finally passed to its third reading, but not until there was an amendment adopted with reference to the giving of notice by a land owner relative to the burning off of his own field.

COMPANIES CAN NOT GO.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—A special message from the governor read in the house yesterday morning said that his excellency refused to allow any companies of the South Carolina National Guard to march in the inaugural parade. He said he had been officially informed that some negro troops of the District of Columbia would be placed ahead of them in the line of march. The message transmitted a letter from Brigadier General Albert L. Mills of the United States army, in charge of the military feature of the parade, in reply to one written to him by the governor.